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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 16, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring on June 16, 2006. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a two month extension of time, setting a new time for response to August 16, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on **page 2** of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 3** of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on **page 9** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 10** of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following **page 12** of this paper.